[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

Irregularities in Revenue Reorganisation.

42. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has given appointments to persons who are inferior both in point of service and qualification to the permanent and acting hands of the Revenue Department who were disbanded in the reorganisation of that department?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The appointments are tentative and lists of the appointments made are under scrutiny.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Do Government propose to set right the irregularities that may be discovered on a scrutiny of the appointments made by the Land Revenue Commissioner in connection with the reorganisation of the Land Revenue Department?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: As already replied, the appointments are tentative and the lists of appointments made by the Commissioner are under scrutiny. The irregularities, if any, will be considered after the scrutiny is over.

The Head of the Madras Medical Department and Private Practice.

43. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: With reference to the answer given to Question No. 30 at the meeting of the Legislative Council, held on the 17th Karkadakam, 1097, stating that the Government do not know whether the head of the Madras Medical Department has private practice, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any enquiries in the matter? If not, will they be pleased to ascertain and state the fact?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government do not propose to collect information regarding the practice obtaining elsewhere.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: British India and Mysore are generally quoted as authorities in matters of administration. If so, should not the Government have made enquiries as regards the conditions in those countries?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is not a request for information.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: All right, Sir, I withdraw the question.

Private Practice of the Darbar Physician and Head of the Medical Department in Mysore.

44. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Darbar Physician and the head of the Medical Department in Mysore are one and the same person? If not, will the Government be pleased to state whether, of those officers, the head of the Medical Department is allowed private practice?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government do not propose to collect information regarding the conditions obtaing elsewhere.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: How did the Government come to know that in Mysore the Darbar Physician is allowed private practice?

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MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice for that question.

Population as per Religions and Castes.

45. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the respective numerical strength of Brahmins, Nairs, Roman Catholics, other Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans in the State according to the last census?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The numerical strength of the above classes according to the last census is as follows:—

Brahmins	...	60,511
Nairs	...	690,495
Roman Catholics	...	327,979
Christians (others)	...	844,955
Ezhavas	...	667,935
Mahomedans	...	270,478

Literacy in English.

46. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the percentage of English-knowing people to the total population in Travancore according to the last census?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The percentage is 1:5, excluding persons under five years of age.

Caste-war Statement of Foreign Scholars.

47 MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of persons who were awarded foreign scholarships during the last twelve years and also the number of Brahmins, Nairs, Roman Catholics, other Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans among them?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The required statement* is laid on the table.

Caste-war Statement of Appointments made by the High Court.

48. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of appointments above Rs. 20 made by the High Court during the last seven years, and the number among them given to Brahmins, Nairs, Roman Catholics, other Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government do not propose to call for the information as, in their opinion, the time and labour involved in its collection will be out of all proportion to its utility.

North Travancore and the Economic Development Board.

49. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any one on the Economic Development Board, who is a native of any of the taluks north of Kottayam?

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